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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in
connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Reply to Office Action under 37 CFR 1.111 (4 pages).

Respectfully submitted,

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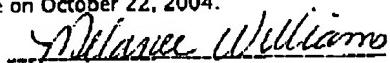
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action of April 22, 2004.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time. The Commissioner is requested to charge the necessary fees for the Extension of Time to our Deposit Account number 07-1729.

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. The allowance of claims 1-9 has been withdrawn as a result of new rejections (replied to below).